

**Abstract**

The purpose of this study was to determine whether there were differences in the prevalence of risk factors for low back pain between two groups of nurses working in different departments of a tertiary care hospital. The study included 100 nurses who worked in the medical-surgical department and 100 nurses who worked in the intensive care unit. Data were collected from a questionnaire that assessed demographic characteristics, work-related variables, and self-reported symptoms. Results showed that the prevalence of low back pain was significantly higher among nurses in the intensive care unit compared to those in the medical-surgical department. This finding suggests that the physical demands of the intensive care unit may contribute to a higher prevalence of low back pain among its nursing staff.

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